



State of California
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2014 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations

OR/CA Border to Horse Mountain:

- ◆ May 10 – September 7
 - daily bag limit: 2 salmon of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length
 - Klamath Control Zone* (KCZ) closed in August
 - closures around mouth of Klamath, Smith and Eel rivers (see CDFW regulation §27.75)

Horse Mountain to Point Arena (Fort Bragg):

- ◆ April 5 – November 9
 - daily bag limit: 2 salmon of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 20 inches total length

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco):

- ◆ April 5 – November 9
 - daily bag limit: 2 salmon of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length through June 30
20 inches total length thereafter

Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey and south):

- ◆ April 5 – October 5
 - daily bag limit: 2 salmon of any species except coho
 - minimum size limit: 24 inches total length

General Sport Regulations

- **Possession limit:** No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land. On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit.
- **Retention of coho salmon or steelhead trout is prohibited in any ocean fishery.**
- **Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05.** No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line & the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- **North of Point Conception:** No more than two single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used & no more than one rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.
- **Horse Mountain to Point Conception:** When fishing with bait and angling by any means other than TROLLING¹, no more than two single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks² shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed 5 inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied).

Note: These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

1. *TROLLING is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.*
2. *A CIRCLE HOOK is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.*

* **Klamath Control Zone:** The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately six nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and on the south, by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately six nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

